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FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 1281

1. MONDAY PRESS AND RADIO ARE DISPLAYING PROMINENTLY AGENCY STORY QUOTING KISSINGER AS SAYING HE PRESUMABLY WILL ATTEND BILDERBERG CONFERENCE IN SWEDEN THIS YEAR. BILDERBERG GROUP MEETS IN STOCKHOLM SUBURB SALTSJOBADEN MAY 11-13.

2. EMBASSY IS ALREADY GETTING QUERIES ON ARRIVAL DATES, TRAVEL PLANS, ITINERARY, ETC. PRESENT RESPONSE IS THAT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION BEYOND WHAT WE READ IN PAPERS.

3. WE ALSO HAVE CLEAR SIGNAL THAT TOP SWEDISH FINANCE/ INDUSTRY CIRCLES HOPE TO PERSUADE KISSINGER TO GIVE A TALK IN STOCKHOLM DURING COURSE OF VISIT TO RESTRICTED GROUP UNDER NON- OFFICIAL AEGIS.

4. GOVERNMENT, OF COURSE, WOULD VIEW HIS COMING AS OPPORTUNITY TO RE- EXAMINE AT HIGH LEVEL U. S.- SWEDISH RELATIONS. WE CAN ASSUME THAT, FOR PERSONAL AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGN REASONS, PALME WOULD WISH TO MEET WITH KISSINGER (AND HAVE IT KNOWN HE MET WITH KISSINGER) WHETHER OR NOT ANY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE.

5. EMBASSY NEEDS TO KNOW ASAP APPROPRIATE RESPONSES TO PRESS QUEIRES ON " IF ASKED" BASIS. IN A SLIGHTLY LONGER PERSPECTIVE, EMBASSY HOPES TO BE INFORMED ON TIMELY CLASSIFIED BASIS OF ANY PLANS THAT DEVELOP, SINCE SIGNIFICANT SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS WOULD BE INVOLVED IN KISSINGER VISIT TO SWEDEN. SWEDISH SECURITY AUTHORITIES WOULD WISH CLOSEST ADVANCE COORDINATION WITH EMBASSY OR OTHER USG AUTHORITIES THEREON.

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